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for Eric M.

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Memorandum for: William H. Jackson, Esq.
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The White House

Re: Executive Pay Bills

The House passed an executive pay bill (H. R. 7619) during the first (1955) session of the 84th Congress. It fixed the basic compensation of the Director of Central Intelligence at \$22,000, in the same group as the Secretaries of the Army, Navy and Air Force, and the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. In categories 1 and 2, are the Cabinet members, the Undersecretary of State, the Deputy Secretary of Defense, and certain other officials. (See page 7, giving the analysis of H. R. 7619 and also S 2628).

The Senate version of the Executive Pay Bill (S 2628) was apparently amended at the last minute to demote the Director of Central Intelligence (as well as the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Administrator of Veterans Affairs) from Group 3 to Group 4, with 20-odd other government officials. A copy of S 2628, as I understand it was passed by the Senate on July 20, (in the form of an amendment to H. R. 7619) is attached.

As I mentioned to you by telephone, my only interest in this matter is the proper protection, for the future, of the position in government of the Director of Central Intelligence and the Central Intelligence Agency. The question of the amount of compensation is wholly secondary to this objective.

As the Senate and House versions differ as to the position of the Director of Central Intelligence, the matter will have to be resolved in Conference.

SIGNED:

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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